

Literacy Services Offered by Literacy Volunteers of Monmouth County

Literacy Volunteers of Monmouth County (LVMC) offers free tutoring in both Basic Literacy and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESL) to all adults 18 and older who are no longer attending high school and who have need of these services.

LVMC does not discriminate in regards to sex, race, color, national origin, religion, age, marital status, disability, veteran status or sexual orientation. Our tutors are not trained to deal with learning disabilities but seek to offer their time voluntarily to help all students achieve their literacy goals. If we cannot provide the services requested by outside agencies or adults seeking a tutor, we try to refer them to other social service agencies. LVMC seeks to provide a learning atmosphere that fosters mutual respect among tutors, learners, volunteers and staff.

Our professionally trained volunteer tutors offer free one-to-one tutoring for our Basic Literacy students and one-to-one, small group and classroom tutoring for our ESL students at various locations throughout Monmouth County. Tutoring and ESL classes take place in public places such as libraries, churches and schools for the safety of both tutors and students.

ESL students have the option of joining open or closed enrollment classes throughout Monmouth County. Open enrollment classes are those classes available to all ESL students to join whenever they can at whatever literacy level they may be at and attendance is not mandatory. Closed enrollment classes provide learning for ESL students who must pre-register and who are expected to attend classes on a regular basis and commit to homework and classroom participation. In addition LVMC offers Conversational English classes to help ESL students improve their conversational English.

Literacy Volunteers of Monmouth County also offers our tutors educational software to be used for individual computer learning for both Basic Literacy and ESL students. In addition, those adult students waiting for tutors are given the option of participating in our *Read to Succeed* program which is conducted at our office on a specific evening each week until they are matched with a tutor.